

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of

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Serial No.:

Group Art Unit:

Filed: April 25, 2001

Examiner:

For: CASHDRAWER APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 4 as follows:

4. (Amended) The cashdrawer apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein  
a balance weight is provided at a rear side of a cashdrawer body so as to prevent  
the cashdrawer from leaning forward, and said balance weight is positioned so as not to cause  
interference with a drawer open-and-close mechanism.

## REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependency of claim 4 to avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee.